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NO STONE UNQUOTED: Filmmaker **Oliver Stone,** battling encroaching irrelevance, is trying to drum up business for his movie about the alleged conspiracy behind the assassination of **John F. Kennedy** with a little paranoia of his own. With "JFK," which opens Dec. 20, "I'm fighting the battle of my life," he told Texas Monthly. "There's a thousand and one vultures out there, crouched on their rocks, saying, 'Ah, here comes Stone.' I'm such a target in a way, because I've attacked big things. And now I've got not only the usual Hollywood vultures on my tail . . ." Ominously, he didn't finish the sentence. Stone is under fire because 'JFK' is based partly on a 1988 book, "On the Trail of the Assassins" by former New Orleans district attorney **Jim Garrison** (played by drawling **Kevin Costner)** who became obsessed with proving his theory of a CIA conspiracy. Stone said he's portraying history. "We don't come out with a strong who and how. What we come out with is a why. And I think we get very close to the truth of what really happened."

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wasn't available for comment, but he told Vanity Fair the stories around "Robin Hood" "were off the wall."

LIFE ON THE ROAD: Speaking of Costner, he'd better hope his wife doesn't watch **Geraldo Rivera**'s syndicated "Now It Can Be Told" Tuesday, when a London club hostess-model claims she had a four-month affair with **Kevin Costner. Sheri Stewart** says she met Costner in fall 1990 while he was shooting "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves." During taping, Stewart told "Now It Can Be Told" producer **Steve Schwartz,** she met the star at Stringfellow's, where she was head hostess, and they had seven or eight intimate hotel meetings. "She was very attracted to him," said Schwartz, "and being single, she thought something might happen." Stewart didn't know Costner was married, she told Schwartz, until the second or third time they met. Costner

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